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Chairman Norman Dicks
Subcommittee on Defense
Appropriations Committee
H-405 Capitol
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Ranking Member Bill Young
Subcommittee on Defense
Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Dicks and Ranking Member Young:

As you and the subcommittee develop the Department of Defense Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2011, I am writing to call your attention to several defense project requests my office received. I would have included each of these projects in my requests to the subcommittee if the committee had not issued new rules prohibiting the formal submission of requests on behalf of for-profit entities. The list includes the name of the project, the requesting entity and its location.

- Advanced Robot and Sensor Technologies for Surveillance and Energy efficiency Applications, Lloyd's Systems, Rapid City, SD
- Advanced Testing Technology to Determine Effectiveness of Materials Designed to Protect War-Fighters against Chemical Warfare Agents, EMCC, Rapid City, SD
- Air National Guard LITENING Generation 4 Pod Kit Upgrades, Northrup Grumman, Los Angeles, CA
- All Terrain Ultra Light Tactical Vehicles, Polaris, Medina, MN
- B-1 AESA Radar Operations Utility Evaluation, Boeing, Long Beach, CA
- Energy Scavenging Power Supply, American Science and Technology Corporation, Brookings, SD
- Exploding Foil Initiators with Nanomaterial-Based Circuits, Black Hills Nanosystems, Rapid City, SD
- Flexible Robotic Environment, Control Systems, Rapid City, SD
- High Strength Creep Resistant Magnesium Die Castings for Improved Weapon Systems, Twin City Die Casting Company, Watertown, SD
- Hy-Tec, General Atomics, San Diego, CA
- Implementation of Aging and Battle Damaged Weapons Systems Repair Processes, H.F. Webster, Rapid City, SD

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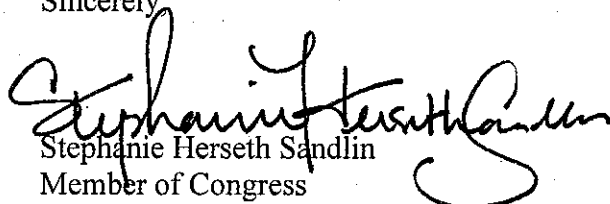
- Inertial Sensors for Low-Cost Guidance Systems in Smart Munitions, Compass Controls, Agency, SD
- MEMS Microdetonator Packaging Technology for Advanced DOD Weapons, Black Hills Nanosystems, Rapid City, SD
- Missile Canister Manufacturing Center, BAE Systems, Aberdeen, SD
- Next Generation Lightweight Drive Systems for Army Weapon Systems, Dakota Power, Rapid City, SD
- RD-1333 Lead Azide, Technical Ordinance, Clear Lake, SD
- Stabilized Hemoglobin Wound Healing Development Project, IKOR, Aberdeen, SD
- Tactical Aerobotic Launch System, Aerostar International, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD

I believe these projects are worthy of consideration for funding and meet identified national needs regarding defense and national security. I have attached additional information about each project. I hope that these projects can receive favorable consideration if they receive funding in the Senate and during negotiations between the House and Senate in forming a final Department of Defense Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2011. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in these projects.

As a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Democrats, I have prioritized issues of openness and transparency in our budget process. I will continue to work to help ensure a process that cracks down on wasteful, misguided spending. At the same time, I believe that as we seek to bring even more openness to the process, we should also maintain the ability, in rural states such as South Dakota, to advocate for critical local and national needs in a fair, ethical and transparent way. I've worked hard to identify and support worthwhile projects that represent a responsible investment of taxpayer dollars. I will defend these projects on their merits and sign my name to them.

In closing, I ask for favorable consideration for these projects if they receive funding in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. Please contact Eric Bursch, a member of my staff at 225-2801, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely


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Member of Congress